



Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366, F. & A. M.

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Greetings from the East



What an outstanding journey we have had this past year! We had so many fine meals and family times, informative degrees and enlightening conversations, so many good events spent together with friends and Brethren that quite simply, it will be hard to top in 2013. The *Zoo Boo* and *Masonic Child I.D.* events are always fun and time well spent. The Fresno Grizzly ballgames were a blast. This past fundraiser for Hurricane Sandy relief on Dec. 15th was heartwarming and joyous and united our Sisters and Brethren as well as those wonderful youth groups. The **Rainbow Girls (IORG)** were amazing! These wonderful ladies were some of the hardest

workers there and showed all of us how much *FUN* we could have while showing our support. Thank you **to all** who helped make this endeavor a wonderful success and thank you to *Donna and John Herring* for their outgoing and giving hearts! So many contributed and helped to make this event, as well as **Masonry** and **Eastern Star** the great organizations they are today.

On December 8, 2012 we traveled to see the **Job's Daughters** installation and those ladies know how to have fun! **Autumn and Amber Amerman** were all smiles and quite radiant in their purple robes. These sisters show *uncanny leadership characteristics and ritual* for such young minds. Congratulations to all and a special thank you to **Jayne Harmon**, Bethel Guardian of Bethel No.49, **Job's Daughters International**.



Congratulations to the new officers and Worshipful **Gordon Keeton** of **Sanger Lodge** who were installed on Dec. 9th and also to the officers of **Clovis Lodge** and Worshipful **Bryan Kincade** who were installed on Dec 16th. Your installations were filled with humor, friendship and definitely the place to be.

As this transition into the East begins, I can't help but to think of my father **Weldon**. Everyone who knew him called him "**Jake**." He was a member of Sanger Lodge and his birthday would have been on Dec. 15th. It has now been one year since his passing. My father never gave up on me. I was a rotten teen with no direction at times and he helped me to focus and become the man I am today. My dad gave me strength and encouragement and told me to "*shoot for the stars.*" **I miss you dad** and wish you were here to share in this accomplishment. It is because of you and Mom that I turned out so well.

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So what will January and the New Year bring to us? **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge** Installation is **Sunday, January 6th at high noon** and all are invited. We plan on having a special presentation involving all our Masonic Youth Groups and will be unlike anything you have seen in some time. Come watch and support our youth organizations and I promise that you will not be disappointed. We have had an incredible time watching these great minds grow and made *just a few new friends* in our travels. Besides philanthropy, esoteric and bettering oneself, isn't this what Masonry and Eastern Star are all about?

This year our Grand Master is going "**Beyond the Lodge**" to strengthen the connection between members and the worldwide body of Freemasonry. In addition to developing joint Lodge and district activities, we intend to support our surrounding Lodges, Youth Groups and Ladies Organizations as well. **Daughters of the Nile** will be celebrating their 100th year birthday in 2013. This ladies organization donates more than \$1,000,000 a year to the **Shriners Hospital for Children**. Ask my wife (Nan) as she could tell you all about their facilities and the wonderful treatment she received for many years. There is an immense amount of people, programs (and secrets) to be found in Masonry and its Concordant Bodies. Come see what you might be missing; bring your friends and family because in 2013, Masonry is going to be the place to be!

Come experience the fun, friendship, Brotherhood and more at **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge** and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday, January 6th at 12pm.

Master Elect;
Richard A. Sherrod

Greetings from the West



This year has been one wild and crazy ride, I got to travel across the world and visited different lodges and been happy to represent our lodge at different events. I would first like to thank everyone that has help me get to this point this year. Richard, Chuck and Larry thank you so much for all the help learning the ritual and keeping me honest and always saying good job even when I know it may not have been. I know that I couldn't do it without the support that you guys give me.

Jim Clark, the name who at all time keeps me in check, I have to thank you more then everyone else in the lodge, you have always been a huge part of getting me to where I am, the support that you give me and our lodge is irreplaceable, whether its me calling at the last minute saying I'm not going to be able to make or saying we will get through it just keep going , I know as long as you are a part of our lodge it will never fail. This year has changed a lot of things for the lodges in California, now more then ever is the time to show what it means to be a mason, I urge everyone to pass on the teaching of our fraternity, families can be built on traditions and ours in a honorable and noble tradition.

Senior Warden Elect; Nathan A. Williams

Greetings from the South



Brethren, may the Peace of God rest on all of my brothers this New Masonic Year. And may his blessings continually be with you and keep each one of you. Looking forward to serving as your Junior Warden.

It has been a wonderful year for me at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge and I am hopeful for a great new year with many new degrees and the follow up of those first and second degrees that we did not have time to complete this last year.

I am sure our newly elected Master will have a great agenda set for this coming year; watch the trestle board for new events and times. Looking forward to a great turn out at our January Stated Meeting Dinner, our Chef Richard Vitz has informed me he will be preparing Appetizers with a Salad Bar, Beef Bourguignon (French for beef stew) with rolls and butter and Chocolate Pudding. and at Stated Meeting, the Master will be presenting his budget, don't miss out on the fellowship and great food.

You Junior Warden Elect;
Freddie E. Thiel

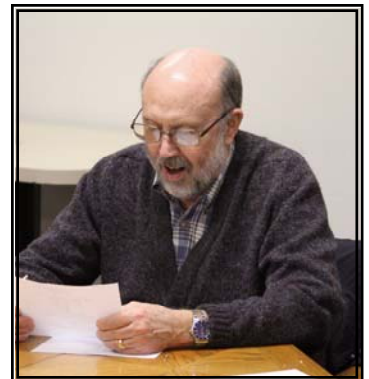
2012 Annual Hall Association Christmas Dinner



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P.M. Richard Frey's from the Archives



In my November and December article I discussed the impact of World War I on Las Palmas Lodge. At this time in our history there were other interesting things taking place in our Lodge.

The first degree of Masonry is the initiation of a Mason. In the first section the candidate is given his Lambskin Apron along with an explanation of how to wear it and its significance to Masonry. In the second section there is a lecture by the Master which the Master has memorized and takes approximately 15 minutes to deliver. We know that our Grand Lodge has changed portions of our ritual throughout time. When I was giving this lecture in 1977 there was an additional portion that was also printed in the Monitor. Of interest are the minutes of our Lodge from January 31, 1818 when the first First Degree in 1918 was conferred: 'The W. M. read the lecture of the First Degree as prepared by a committee from the Grand Lodge. "

May 16, 1918 Bro. Swartz suggested a committee be appointed to form a baseball team to play Fresno and Center Lodges for the benefit of the Red Cross and on motion the W. M. appointed a committee consisting of Bros. Swartz, Streeter and Hinton.

June 20, 1918 Bro. Swartz, chairman of the Committee on Baseball reported the game between Las Palmas, Fresno and Center Lodges was a success and that he had turned over \$102.60 to the Masonic Auxiliary of the Red Cross. Further that Las Palmas won the game, the score being 10 to 7.

June 20, 1918 Fees for all three degrees were raised to \$75 and for affiliation to \$5 effective August 15, 1918. In today's dollars, \$75 would be worth \$1,200. And \$5 would be worth \$80.



Arlen Tanielian Master Mason
November 29, 2012

December Stated Meeting Dinner



December Stated Meeting Dinner



Officer's Dinner at the Shepherds Inn



I would like to extend a hardy welcome to our 2013 Officer's wives and all the ladies of our Lodge to what I call our "Ladies Aid Society." I have always loved history and it reminds me of the wonderfully active women we have in our country's past. In the 1800's women were in all kinds of Lady's Social groups and Societies that worked to better the world. When I think of the possibilities that are ahead of the women of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge I see women working to help support the mission of our husbands Lodge which is to provide a resource for brotherly love, relief and truth.

The beauty of our group is that it is so diverse and filled with dynamic people. We have our shoppers, we have our travelers and we have people that are career women and those that are retired. Some like to do crafts while other enjoy playing games. It seems as though there is one common factor is that we all love to chat.

I am planning some equally diverse activities this year that will parallel our men's group. On stated meeting nights we will have a variety of activities that ladies can stay and enjoy. We would like to invite the widows to join us on these Thursday nights.

We are inviting the ladies of the Prince Hall lodge to join us on our first meeting night and I hope that we will have a number of ladies help to welcome these ladies and hear about what they do. It will be a fun evening.

Please check out this "The LPP-Lodge Ladies" section our Las Palmas Newsletter to find out all the monthly activities that will be happening during each month. Child care can be provided for any activities, just let me know if it is needed.

FOR INSTALLATION: This year's installation the colors of the Lodge will be Grey (Pewter), Silver, and Royal Blue. I will be wearing a Royal Blue and Charcoal Grey dress. I invite all the officers to come in similar attire that is Formal. This can be floor length or tea length preferably. I so look forward to sitting with you at installation and getting to know you all a little better! See you on January 6th at Noon Ladies! If you don't have the above a black dress will also work.

Richard and I hope everyone has a wonderful New Year! 2013 will be so much fun and I am exciting about working and playing with you all!

Fraternally yours,
Nanette Wise
The Master's Wife



Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

International Order of Rainbow for Girls



Heart of the Valley has moved through the Holiday Season with Service in our hearts! Since the annual Toys for Tots distribution fell while our members were still in school, we looked for many other ways to serve our community this year.

We partnered with the Red Cross to distribute Christmas Cards to Valley Veterans...putting together display boards and visiting the Legion of Valor Museum and the VA Hospital to distribute cards to veterans and thank them for their service.



We also put together 50 bedside craft kits to bring joy to children at Valley Children's Hospital.



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Heart of the Valley and Visalia Assembly Advisory Board Members assisted Home Instead in their annual "Be A Santa to a Senior" project by monitoring drop off boxes at area Walgreens.



We were also pleased to participate in two Masonic Family Projects over the holidays...serving at the Spaghetti Dinner at the Las Palmas Masonic Center to raise funds for the victims of Hurricane Sandy and contributing 42 blankets to homeless veterans.

We bid a fond farewell to our Area Grand Deputy, Mrs. Tina Thomason, who has retired from her official duties with Rainbow. We will miss you, Mrs. Thomason, but look forward to seeing you on our sidelines in the future.



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International Order of Rainbow for Girls



The members of Heart of the Valley Assembly love to dedicate their time to serving the community and wish all of our Masonic Family a prosperous New Year!

Do you know of a girl between the ages of 8-20 that could benefit from the wonderful teachings of Rainbow and our Pledge group? Let us know! We would love to invite prospective members to our fun and fantastic events!

Heart of the Valley Assembly meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7pm at the Clovis Masonic Center. We invite all members of our sponsoring bodies to come out and attend our meetings – we value your support and would love the opportunity to meet you!

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Bethel No. 49 Fresno

Jobs Daughter International



Jobs Daughter Bethel No. 49 had its 171st Installation of Officers on December 8, 2012, at the Fresno Masonic Center. Installed for the new term were Honored Queen, Amber Amerman, Senior Princess, Jessica Solon, and Junior Princess, Brittany Johnson. Other officers were Marshall, Haleigh Davis, Treasurer, Tiffany Johnson, Recorder, Becca White, and Messenger, Katlyn Solon.

Installation of Bethel Officers was done by Outgoing Honored Queen Autumn Amerman.

After the Installation a dinner was served in the dining room and music was provided by Alex Hodges for dancing and enjoyment of all.

Bethel No. 49 regularly meets on the first and third Mondays at the Fresno Masonic Center at 7:00 P.M.

*from the WIDOWS CLUB
December Stated Meeting*



*Sharon Temple No. 92
2012-2013
Officers*

*Queen Bonnie Gorden
Jr. Past Queen Dale Obernolte P.Q.
Princess Royal Jeri Rouch
Princess Tirzah. Lenore Stork
Princess Badoura. Carole Rae Littleworth
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Princess Musician Virginia Bergeron
Attendant Eria Hildebrand
Attendant Louisa Bowron*



**Happy
New
Year**



Queen, Bonnie Gorden

NILE JANUARY 2013 CALENDAR

- January 7, 2013; 11:30 A.M. Tulare-Kings Nile Club
T.B.A.
- January 9, 2013; , 7:30 P.M. Nile Stated Session
Las Palmas Masonic Center
Memorial-Line officers wear white
Banquet Room; Pageantry
- January 16, 2013; 9:30 A.M. Nile Sewing
Tehran Shrine Center
Hostess; Cheri Detweiler, P.O.
Pr. Nancy Meeks
- January 20, 2013; 10:00 A.M. Ceremonial Practice
Las Palmas Masonic Center
- January 23, 2013; 6:00 P.M. Banquet
7:30 P.M. Ceremonial
Official Visit of our Supreme Queen

Ladies of the Household and friends;

Well here we are with Christmas just past with still so much to do! It has been such a busy time of the year for all of us. My Queen's Open House on December 9th was a wonderful day for me with approximately fifty-five in attendance. Thank you to all that came to visit and celebrate the Holiday with me and all of our friends. Thank you, also to the Sharon Temple No. 92 Choir, my ceremonial

assistants and pages for all your help and being there for me, as always. Our "Soup Supper" was a great success prior to our Stated Meeting on December 12th. It was enjoyed by all. Even the Nobles of our Ladies attended for these delicious soups, salad, rolls and cookies and the best thing was we didn't have to cook dinner.

Just a reminder, our Stated Meeting will be a Ceremonial on January 9th and our very own Supreme Queen of Daughters of the Nile, Suzie Schumacher will be here on January 23rd. With a banquet preceding the Ceremonial.

I would like to wish each and everyone of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR during this Blessed time of year.

In Love of Friendship Pearls
Queen Bonnie Gorden

Legacy No. 555 O.E.S.



Gordon Keeton, Worthy Patron
Susan Quinville, Worthy Matron

2013 Officers

- Worthy Matron: Susan Quinville
- Worthy Patron: Gordon Keeton
- Associate Matron: Kathy Lee
- Associate Patron: John Herring
- Secretary: Donna Herring
- Treasurer: Kurtis Docken
- Conductress Becky Davis
- Associate Conductress: . . . Darlene Henderson
- Chaplain: Judith Healy
- Marshall: Frieda Cazier
- Organist: Carol Littleworth
- Adah: Jeanette Foote
- Ruth: Kay Docken
- Esther: Beth Abate
- Martha: Ruth Sterry
- Electa: Lynn Haggerty
- Warder: Stephen Healy
- Sentinel: Bob Davis
- Prompter: Dick Haggerty
- Flag Bearer: Stan Littleworth
- Electrician: Cliff Henderson
- Photographer: Linda Rodie

January Calendar



It is our hope that the holidays have been kind to each of you this year. With the holidays coming to and end it is time for our meetings and activities to get back into full swing. Our first meeting back is January 16, 2013.

Thank you for each and every one of you who purchased a ticket to our Hurricane Sandy Fundraiser. With your help we were able to raise over \$2000 to be send to aid our Masonic Sisters and Brothers who were effected by the hurricane. Thank you to Donna and John for spear heading the event and Lena for organizing her "country store". Thank you for everyone who came and helped, and a special thank you to the Rainbow girls who helped to serve the meal.

We have many special activities coming this year and would love for you to join us. Even if you are not a member we would love for you to join us for several of our events. Please be on the look out for more information as the events get closer. Or you can always contact us for a full list of our activities.

Star Love,

Susan Quinville, Worthy Matron

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S



	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Lewis D. Wagoner	1/11	1/21/1949	John R. Reynolds	1/17	5/2/1968
Howard D. Sutliff	1/1	7/3/1957	Dennis M. Johnson	1/17	2/2/1995
Ronald L. Copp	1/5	5/17/1952	Michael E. Ratley	1/22	9/6/1996
Dean L. Sigle	1/12	5/24/1961	Bahram Shifteh	1/1	4/27/1982
Robert B. Bower	1/25	11/2/1961	James C. Stahl	1/18	2/11/1999
Kendrick M. Mc Kinley	1/9	12/19/1956	William D. Yelkin	1/27	5/6/1989
James G. Fisher	1/23	6/9/1960	Kenneth M. Hoskin	1/29	2/5/1987
Thomas D. Carlson	1/7	9/6/1961	Thomas J. Bekhdoud	1/9	9/29/1994
John R. Sanderson	1/18	10/24/1978	David M. Byrnes	1/15	3/6/2008
Marvin E. Wallace	1/10	12/8/1964			

Hurricane Sandy Fund Raiser



I will be preparing for our January Stated Meeting Dinner; Appetizers, Salad Bar, Beef Bourguignon (French for beef stew) with rolls and butter and for Dessert, Chocolate Pudding, with our kitchen staff, Marvin Wallace and Charles Bersani



Fresno Masonic Widows Club

January 29, 2013, 12 Noon
Las Palmas Masonic Center

President; Ethel Day
Vice-President; Bobbi Carder
Secretary; Hilda Johnson
Treasurer; Jane James

Reservations Required
For Information call (559) 276-2631

The Masonic Widows Club meets for lunch and fellowship on the last Wednesday of each month. All Masonic Widows are welcome to attend. If you have questions or would like to participate please contact;

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January 2013



Happy New Years

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A REQUEST TO THE FAMILY OF THE ADDRESSEE

Please notify the Lodge if our Brother is hospitalized, in a Nursing home, change of Address or incapacitated in any way.

From the Secretary's Desk



Our year for 2012 is coming to a close, with many changes, Ritual, we now open Installation and Stated Meetings in the First Degree. We welcome our new Inspector for the 614th Masonic District, David A. Coleman, a member of Fresno Lodge No. 247. Please check your dues card, should read December 31, 2013, if not December 31, 2012, you will be delinquent! We are looking forward to a Great Year! Join us for coffee week day mornings!



January Lodge Calendar of Events

January 3, 2013	6:00 P.M. Practice
January 5, 2013	1:00 P.M. Set-up and Practice
January 6, 2013	12:00 P.M. Installation of Officers
January 8, 2013	6:00 P.M. Hall Association LPP Officers meeting to follow
January 10, 2013	6:30 P.M. Dinner
January 17, 2013	7:00 P.M. Third Degree
January 17, 2013	6:00 P.M. Appetizers 6:30 P.M. Dinner
January 24, 2013	7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting 6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Degree or Practice

